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# Blind Stand Operators Here Do Best

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BLIND operators of tobacco and snack stands in the District — there are many here — netted an average of \$6036 last year. This is the highest recorded anywhere.

The tobacco stand has proved the answer to one of our more serious unemployment problems—the blind. Nearly all

Government buildings here, and many private ones, have such stands.

About 2100 such stands have helped these people live

near-normal lives.

Last year, nationally, these stands produced a total net income of \$6.5 million, or \$3354 on the average. This national average is about half of the average here.

Maryland is next to the District in the national average. Blind stand operators there averaged \$5088 net income.

If the public wasn't nearly 100 per cent honest, blind stand operators would not make money. They've been trained to tell coins by feel. But they can't tell the difference between denominations of paper money. They must take the customer's word.

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## TOBACCO NEWS

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Today's Business at 6:40 P.M. over WRC (Washington):

BILL SPRAGUE: "Tobacco News remarks that the government has saved at least five million dollars because of the dropping of the blue excise tax stamps on packages of cigarettes a year ago."

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## MEN SMOKED 800 YEARS AGO

Today's Business at 6:40 P.M. over WRC (Washington):

BILL SPRAGUE: "Tobacco News reports archeologists have found evidence in an Arizona Indian cave that men took up smoking more than 800 years ago. The excavators found cigarettes made out of hollow reeds with tobacco stuffed in one end, and, yes, the other end was a filter."

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